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Identical letters dated 7 September 2017 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I transmit to you the following:

At 0242 hours in the early morning of Thursday, 7 September 2017, Israeli occupation warplanes launched a treacherous attack against a Syrian armed forces military site near the city of Masyaf in Hamah governorate. The site was hit by a number of missiles, leading to the deaths of two soldiers and material damage at the location.

This new Israeli attack is part of a desperate attempt by the Israeli occupation forces that sponsor terrorism to raise the morale of their agents in terrorist organizations that are carrying out Israel's hostile agenda on Syrian soil. It comes in reaction to the major successes against terrorism achieved by the Syrian Arab Army and its allies, of which the most recent was breaking the three-year siege imposed by the terrorist Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) organization on the city of Dayr al-Zawr.

These repeated Israeli attacks have become a pattern of behaviour. They are intended to protect Nusrah Front and ISIL terrorists. It is unacceptable that the Security Council has to date not taken a single measure to put a stop to these shameless attacks, and that Israel has not been held accountable for protecting terrorists.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic demands that the Security Council should condemn the Israeli attacks and take resolute and immediate action to stop them, in implementation of its resolutions on combating terrorism and those who finance it. The Syrian Arab Republic warns that there will be serious consequences for such terrorist Israeli attacks, which are part and parcel of the crimes being perpetrated by ISIL and other terrorist organizations that are inflaming and igniting the situation in the region and the world.

Anyone who attacks the Syrian Arab Army is providing direct support for terrorism, given that the Syrian Arab Army and its allies are the ones who are combating terrorism on behalf of the entire world. The Security Council and States with influence on Israel should immediately condemn these attacks and put a stop to them in order to preserve security and stability and protect the peoples of the world from terrorism.

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I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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